

Amend CSSB 909 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. (a) The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall conduct a study regarding:

(1) the number of inmates confined in facilities operated by or under contract with the department who pose no significant risk of recidivism or danger to society due to the:

(A) inmate's age or health;

(B) nature of the crime committed by the inmate;

or

(C) reasonably successful rehabilitation of the inmate while incarcerated;

(2) alternatives to confining inmates described by Subdivision (1) in a facility operated by or under contract with the department;

(3) to the extent permitted by federal law, the possibility of conducting a prisoner exchange with the United Mexican States or another foreign country in which foreign nationals in the custody of the department are exchanged for United States citizens incarcerated in another country; and

(4) measures that the department can take to assure that inmates sent to a foreign country under a prisoner exchange described by Subdivision (3) will not be released early.

(b) The department shall submit a report to the members of the 81st Legislature regarding the results of the study conducted under Subsection (a).